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the duties to perform that you see fit to perform and that is why we were pleased to put in an awful lot of hours since yesterday afternoon in getting the budget bills back to you. So let me say especially, a word of thanks to those, and I understand that you all have been recognized. I was going to do that, but I understand that all of you legislators who are not coming back next year have already been recognized and as your Governor I want to thank you for all of the personal service and dedication and a great deal that you have given up, I know. To come down here and serve the people of this state the way you think that they should be served. So, to Senator Fellman and Senator Stahmer, Senator Richard Proud and Senator Duke Snyder, Senator Herb Nore, Senator Fred Carstens, and Senator Gerald Stromer and Jim Waldron, Senator Ramey Whitney and Senator Terry Carpenter. I say thank you for the job that you have done. I know that it hasn't been easy and those of us that have to stand up and be counted of course are criticised from time to time but that is the name of the game and I don't think that any of us would really have it any other way. At this time for a very brief ceremony I would like to ask that Senator F. Carstens, to come up and join me at this time. Fred are you still here?

PRESIDENT: Senator F. Carstens come forward please.

GOVERNOR EXON: I would also like to have Senator R. Whitney and Senator Terry Carpenter come up and join me at this time for a little brief presentation.

PRESIDENT: Governor that is dangerous to get all three of them up here at once.

GOVERNOR EXON: They can't talk when they are up here until I give them the microphone.

PRESIDENT: That is true, and you have the floor.

GOVERNOR EXON: First I think a little serious announcement that I think is very important. Senator F. Carstens has given long and very dedicated service in this body. I particularly thank him for being a Senator who votes for what he thinks is best for the people of this state. I especially salute him for all of the dedication that he has given to the less fortunate Nebraskans, particularly those that were privileged to serve the Beatrice State Home. I wanted to announce here today that the proper committee has made the recommendation and it has been unanimously endorsed by all of the people at the Beatrice State Home including the long time and faithful director of that fine institution by Dr. Jack Anderson, head of our department of institutions and I am pleased to announce here today that the new activities building at the Beatrice State Home that you passed the appropriation for, is and will be named the F. W. Carstens Building in a small memory of all of the great work that F. Carstens has done for this institution. And now I would like to make a presentation to Ramey Whitney who is leaving us. Ramey I think that you know the special high place that you hold among your colleagues here as a man well founded in all of the transactions that go on in the legislature and your dedicated work in committee. Recently I received this very wonderful map of your home country. I